

# Washington Weekly

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This week's cycle days:

Monday, September 8: Day 2

Tuesday, September 9: Day 3

Wednesday, September 10: Day 4

Thursday, September 11: Day 1

Friday, September 12: Day 2

## Principal's Press

Hello!

We've had another great week at Washington! Our students have taken our principles of joy, pride, and progress to heart. I see kids working hard and enjoying the process of learning and growing together. We have great families at Washington- thank you for all you do at home to prepare our students for school!

New Information:

- Homecoming is next week! Check out our dress up days [here!](#)
- Our students have had the opportunity to walk into school for quite a few days at this point. Beginning Monday, September 8th, children will enter the school on their own. This is important because we want students to begin to embrace the independence of knowing which way to go on their own, but more importantly, it lowers the number of adults in our school and keeps everyone safer. We appreciate your help in making this happen!
- Preschool parents: You have the option of dropping your child off at the front door to walk in on their own or walking them to the outside doors of their classroom.
- If you need to get to a classroom for any reason, please sign in at the office so we know you are here. In the event of an emergency, we need to know who is in the building. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Our weather has been unusually cool so far this year. Please have your child prepared for fluctuating weather conditions. We use [this chart](#) to determine what students need to go outside for recess. And while we're not at this point yet, we will go outside until the "feels like" temperature (according to [weather.com](#)) is below zero.
- Our Club's Choice fundraiser for PTO is off and running! We appreciate your support! Our PTO provides so much for our teachers and students so please consider supporting this fundraiser.

Previous Information:

- We will introduce [The Washington Way](#) to students this coming week. As I have discussed with staff, these are not just words on the wall, they are the way we live our days. Joy, pride, and progress are words that we will see consistently throughout our building and throughout our year; more than that, however, these are concepts and ideas that you should *feel* when you walk through our doors. We are excited to embark on this journey together with you this year! (More information found [here](#).)
- Postcards were handed out at Back to School Conferences with a QR code and website for parent resources. If you missed it, I have more! Or, you can find the same link [here](#).
- At the beginning of each school year, pickup and dropoff can be challenging. Please use the tips below to make our transitions safe and efficient:
  - Students may not be dropped off before 7:45. Doors will open at that time, but we do not have adult supervision outside before that. When dropping off, please pull up as far as you can in the pickup line and a staff member will help your child from the car. Please do not leave your car in the pickup line. If you'd like to walk your child to school, please use a parking spot.
  - All students will remain inside at pickup until called by an adult. An adult will be outside "calling cars" to a teacher inside, who will then line up students in order of cars. You will be told a number of where to park; use the parking spot numbers as a guide. Once all students are ready, they will come out to be helped into the vehicle. Again, please do not leave your car in the pickup line. If you need to get out to buckle your child (for example), please use a parking spot. Also note that due to liability concerns, we are not able to buckle your child in the car.
- If you are interested in volunteering in a classroom, please discuss this with the classroom teacher. If approved, all volunteers are required to complete a background check at Central Services. Please see the office for more information.
- Charles City Schools is very low on substitute teachers. We'd love for you to consider being a substitute teacher with us! Check out this [flyer](#) on how to make that happen!
- Attendance: If a child will be absent, please call to leave a message in the office at 641-257-6571. If your child's dismissal plans change, please always call the office. Notifying the teacher is unnecessary; once you call the office, we will communicate the change to the teacher.

Have a great week!

Joe Carney

## Physical Education

We have been working on learning our **Warm Up Routine** that we will be doing before our activities. We have also been learning the importance of cooling down when we are done. Just a reminder to wear those tennis shoes and stay hydrated.

## **Counselor's Connection**

If you need anything, you can reach me by calling 641-257-6570 EXT 4053 or by email [sthomso@charlescityschools.org](mailto:sthomso@charlescityschools.org)

Thank you so much! Sandy Thomson, CCCSD Elementary School counselor

## **A Musical Note from Miss Kluver**

We had a wonderful first week in music class! It was so awesome to hear everyone's beautiful singing voices. I know it's going to be a great year!

This week we will start our farm unit in kindergarten music! Each week we will learn about a new animal, sing songs about that animal, learn a new instrument, and play some fun games! This week we will start with our first animal: a duck!

In first grade music, we are reviewing some concepts from kindergarten music. Ask your child what a steady beat is! We will also review the names of instruments we learned last year and have a chance to play them. And, of course, we will play a few games as well!

## **Nurses Nook**

Thank you families for turning in your child's health paperwork! We have been busy reviewing these forms and updating health files. This information is valuable to ensure your student is ready to learn to reach their full potential.

If your student is missing any of the kindergarten health forms, you will be receiving a letter in the upcoming weeks with more information on how to complete and turn in those forms.

If your student is in need of the required immunizations for school entry, the deadline to turn in an updated immunization certificate or an immunization exemption certificate will be October 27, 2025.

Immunizations can be received by calling :

- Floyd County Public Health: 641-257-6111
- Floyd County Medical Center Clinic: 641-228-5151

Please do not hesitate to contact Nurse Bethany if you have any questions or new health concerns for your student by calling the office at 641-257-6570.

## Library

Hello families! We have started the year with great excitement over our many books to read and check out this year. Our first week has been spent getting to know each other. During the week of Sept. 4th, 2nd graders read I am Not Just a Scribble. Students shared how they were special and unique, and then they created their own "Scribble Monster". Each one was special and unique with color and the choice of googly eyes! We have them displayed in the library. Our book during the week of Sept. 8th is connected to the book Scribble Stones. Students create their own decorative stone (thank you Linda Burgart for donating stones) with tempera paint crayons, and they are sealed. The students choose the city where they would like their stone to live (Bassett, Charles City, Colwell, or Floyd). Please be on the lookout for unique and special stones. If you find one, please take a photo of yourself with it and email it to [akleins@charles-city.k12.ia.us](mailto:akleins@charles-city.k12.ia.us). We would love to share the photos with the students!